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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on February 24, 2005, Applicants through their attorney select Group II, i.e., claims 1, 2, 5-8, 10-12 and 18-19, drawn to a method of treating HHV with compounds defined by the general formula in claim 1, wherein B is pyridine-N-oxide. As a species, Applicants select the compound 2-(benzylsulfonyl)-pyridine-N-oxide (Compound 6) from Example 26. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to filed divisional applications on the unelected subject matter.

A petition and fee in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), extending the due date for the present response to May 24, 2005, are attached.

In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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